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Dear Commissioner Hundt:

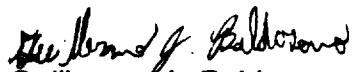
Do you know that there might be violence or bad words on the air? I'm a child T.V. watcher. I hope you read my opinions carefully so you'll know what to take off air.

My first opinion is that in the show 'Ghost Writer' young teens are helping older / younger people solve their problems by talking about it.

My 2nd opinion is that mostly all shows tell a message (Such as don't take drugs, what is real or fake and family relationships).

My 3rd opinion is that there's some violence on kid's shows. On the show "Sister, Sister" they talk things over instead of beating each other up. On the other hand there is violence on show that teaches kids the wrong way to solve problems. So try to do the right thing, take out the violence in T.V.

Sincerely,

  
Guillermo J. Baldosano

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Dear Commissioner Hundt:

Family togetherness is very important. Some television programs like "Full House," "Family Matters" and "Party of Five" are about families and their problems and help bring families together.

I really like these programs and what they're about. These programs are positive and upbeat. I like the idea about real life family situations, problems and how to solve them. On the programs it shows how to get along and real life problems such as drugs, friend problems and mostly family problems.

Other shows I like are, "Saved By The Bell," "Boy Meets World," "Animaniacs" and "Fresh Prince of Bel Air". All of them are very entertaining. All of them influence me except for "Animaniacs". Some shows are are educational.

Educational programs are very good and positive. My friends and I learn a lot from these shows. My friends and I learn there are many different people and to work hard.

I think the childrens television programs are very good and educational. Some shows can be very violent. Therefore, I would like you to stop extreme violence. I hope you enjoyed reading this letter. Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Karen Riotoc*  
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Dear Commissioner Hundt

Too many people watch T.V. I am going to tell you if the T.V is violent and other things.

Most of the shows that I watch are funny. They make me and family laugh. Most of the ones that I watch are just about people problems. One of the ones that I watch is about school and it help's you learn things.

Some of the programs that I watch make you laugh. Also some of the shows make you want to say "WOW". The programs that I watch are nice to watch.

I think some are good to watch and some of them are bad for children. The reason why it is good is because in some of them you can learn something. It makes you laugh, and smile. The reason why it is bad is because it has some violence.

Thank you for taking your time to read this paper. If you can, come to our class some time.

You are doing a good job.

Thanks,



**Cynthia Martinez**

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Dear Commissioner Hundt:

Keep up the good work. I think you should put on more cartoons like the "X-MEN" on T.V. I would like it if If you could bring back the FLASH on T.V. Kid's T.V is o.k.

The shows you put on are good to view

I hope read my letter. I hope you take off "Full House", "Mama's Family" and "Bobby's World.

I invite you to come over at our school. Keep up the very good work.

Your viewer,

*Ramandeep Malhi*

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Dear Commissioner E. Hundt:

A lot of people are glad , just like I am , that we have a lot of positive shows on these days . What do you think about them? The shows I like to watch are "Love and Marriage", "Sister,Sister", "Rug rats", "Step by Step" , and " Melrose Place. The ones I am going to talk about are: " Sister,Sister", " Rug rats", and "Step by Step."

I would say that all of them are very positive and in a way you can learn different things . They are also entertaining and are not really violent.

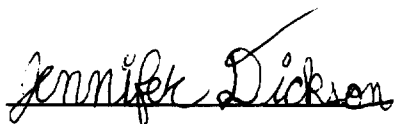
"Sister,Sister," shows how two sisters can get along with out fighting all of the time. The show "Step by Step," says a lot of things such as a big family can get along as long as you don't have a bad feeling about a person all of the time. The "Rug rats" is a very fun cartoon to watch.I think these shows say that people are not perfect and do not know everything.

These shows say that the world is not good if you don't make it good. In other words the world is what you make it : a good place to live, Happy, Sad, a confused place, or even a cheerful place to live.

Mr. Hundt , thank you for taking your time to read the letter I wrote.  
I would also like to honor you for airing such great and feeling shows.

Maybe sometime you can write me back or even better maybe you can come down to our school and tell us (S-8) what it is like to be in your shoes.  
Thanks again.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Dickson

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Dear Commissioner Hundt :

I absolutely love T.V ! My favorite T.V show is " Martin" because its funny and entertaining. I especial like it when "Martin" plays Shannaynay. She really makes me laugh. My advice to you would be to keep it on the air.

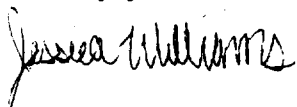
I really like it when Martin plays a midget . He always has a runny nose. My favorite episode was when Martin was playing as a midget and how wanted Gina ( Martin's girl friend ) to buy some canned goods. That was a really funny show . I really get excited when Martin plays as Jerome . Pam and Gina were at a dance and they met Jerome. Pam got drunk and went to his house and Jerome had a crush on Pam.

Gina one of the main actresses on Martin seems like she's very defensive to Pam. I also like it when Martin talks about Pam's hair.

I also like Martin because of all the actors and actress that play in Martin. My favorite episode is when Martin and Gina get married on the Island and Pam spilled wine on Gina's wedding dress. they had to fix it before the wedding at the last minute. At the same time Martin, Tommy, and Cole got stuck in the elevator ( Martin's friends). The show can be a good example for children and it can be a bad example for children. I think it is both. My reasons are Is because all the name calling about women of the 90's. For example, when Martin calls Pam names.

In conclusion, I just want to say that I love Martin but I would like you to stop all the name calling. Can you please write me back? I would really appreciate a reply with information about what your going to do about this situation or to improve this situation. You are always welcome to come visit me and my classroom. My classmates and I would be happy to have you.

Sincerely yours,



Jessica Williams

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Dear Commissioner Hundt:

"Full House" and "Saved by the Bell" are the best shows on earth ! Hi, my name is Jesal Shah. I'm a student here at Alvarado Middle School. I think kids T.V. is fantastic. Especially "Saved By The Bell" and "Full House." But I was wondering why they're not making any new episodes of the two wonderful shows. I think those two shows are the best show on earth. And you know what? I'm going to tell you why.

I like "Full House" because it strengthens the family. It shows that there is a lot of love in a family. It shows that no matter what kind of a problem you have with a loved one, if you still love them you'll find a way to work things out. That's how it strengthens your family.

"Full House" also shows the importance of education. It shows that if you work hard then you'll get into a good college. Or you'll at least get into the college of your choice. For example you know D.J. in "Full House." Well she worked hard so she got into a good college.

And it also says about how everybody has problems. Like that one episode when Stephanie has eye trouble. She had to get glasses. And of course she thought she looked ugly in those glasses. In other words she didn't like the glasses. But she wore the glasses anyways. She got used to them and her problem was solved.

I like "Saved By The Bell" because it teaches important lessons about life. One of my favorite ones is when Zack is a credit short of graduating his friends stick by him no matter how silly he makes them look. I think that's really nice.

These are the reasons why I think you should keep the shows going. I also want to know what your going to do about it. Please write back soon. And I was wondering if you'd like to come to our classroom. You might be able to answer a few questions my classmates and I have. You are always welcome. Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,  
*Jesal Shah*  
Jesal Shah

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**From:** HTML Pseudo-user <html@hopf.dnai.com>  
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Message is Dear Commissioner Chong:

As someone who cares a lot about the future of our children,  
I am writing to ask you to please vote for new rules to require television stations to provide a specific amount of educational programming for children each week.

I am very glad the Commission is considering these new rules to fully enforce the Children's Television Act. Please support a minimum of 3-5 hours a week of educational shows for kids.

It took parents groups over twenty years to pass the Children's Television Act, yet now, without these "quantitative" guidelines, we continue to be frustrated by the slow pace of compliance by broadcasters.

Broadcasters have at their disposal an invaluable resource for children.  
Yet the record shows that without stricter regulation, this positive potential for kids will remain unfulfilled. With your vote for substantive and meaningful implementation of the CTA, all our kids will benefit.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Commissioner Chong -

Who can protect our children against the flood of degrading television programs if not the FCC? The proposed regulation requiring a minimum of three hours a week of programming that has education as a significant purpose is the very least we can do. Please use your influence to make this rule mandatory. Commercial television has demonstrated all too vividly that it does not have the interests of children at heart.

Very truly yours,

Ruth Eisenstein

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Re: Docket #MM-93-48

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to urge you to require each Television Network to air at least three hours of educational programming for children each week, at viewing times appropriate for children.

I am appalled at the amount of violence and sex permeating "prime time" hours. Is there no decency in the rush to the lowest common denominator?

The "new season" appears to sink to new lows. Someone has said: "The measure of a civilization is what it exposes its children to."

Today's Providence Journal (October 17, 1995) Lifebeat article says: "T.V. family hour takes a sexy turn". The details are not encouraging for a society losing moral and family values.

In the same issue Alex Beam of the Boston Globe applauds the United Church of Christ in opposing aspects of recent mass media corporate mergers. Though I am an Episcopalian, I support the U.C.C. positions, for I too fear that the media's addiction to ratings will further bombard the public with sensational violence and titillating sex.

Must the great promise of television to educate and enrich our lives be drowned out? Is T.V. becoming an important cause for dysfunction in our families, chaos in our streets and a per capita greater prison population than any other western country?

You, the F.C.C. Commissioners have an important role in the preservation of what is good in American society.

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*Al Sunderland*

Albert Sunderland

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Dear Commissioner Hundt:

Television is getting less violent and less entertaining. I think the shows you're putting on are boring like "The Littlest Pet Shop". You need to put more entertaining stuff like "Ronin Warrior's".

"Ronin Warrior's" doesn't have a lot of violence but it is okay and they're very upbeat. Sometimes they say there are lots of secrets in the world today, and it doesn't influence me or my friends. When it talks about people it sometimes says "if we work together you could accomplish anything," and I believe it.

Spider-Man is also a great cartoon not a lot of violence and it's great for children of all ages. This show is very positive it doesn't have drugs, guns, or gangs. In reality says "stay in school after that find a job," it really doesn't influence that much only the school thing.

These two shows "Spider-Man" and "Ronin Warriors" are great for children, their positive and upbeat it's a cartoon and there's no violence.

Some of the other shows are very boring could you try to fix them or cancel them. The ones I just said are one of the best cartoons I like I also like X-Men, Ren and Stimpy, and the Simpsons, oh yeah I also like Reboot. These cartoons I said are great.

Thanks for your time,

*Michael Musni*

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Dear Commissioner Hundt:

Thank you for requesting our thoughts and opinions regarding Children's Television programming. Enclosed are letters from my sixth grade class.

They are awaiting your reply. I know you will recognize that keeping them updated with your progress will teach them a valuable lesson about our democratic society and that you, personally, do value each citizen's opinion. Please join me in educating these fresh, impressionable, young, eager minds and teach them a lesson they will never forget.

You are invited to address our class and using that forum, discuss your thought about Children's programming. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

*Linda F. Clary*  
Linda F. Clary  
Administrative Intern

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From: Don Wallenberg <don\_wallenberg@qmgate.dsccc.com>  
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Subject: TV Programming Requirements

Please add my voice to those asking for TV Broadcasters to be required to provide MORE educationally oriented programming.

Thank You,

Don Wallenberg

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I am deeply troubled by the television programming now being served America's children. While our politicians speak glibly about the breakdown of family values and increased violence in our society, they turn their backs on one of the greatest sources of these problems, namely, the blatant promulgation of violence and sex by television advertisers under the cover of free enterprise and freedom of speech.

Every valid study demonstrates that network television programming -- especially that for children -- undermines the values our nation stands for. Because it has not, at least to date, had to bow to the pressure of advertisers, public television has been the one source of programming for children of real educational value.

I am writing to urge you to require television networks not only to air a minimum of three hours per week of truly educational television (MM 93-48) -- and I don't mean the Flintstones, Superman, etc. -- but also to prevail upon the networks or, if necessary, require them to eliminate all programming for children that promotes violence, discord, and sex.

Our children's future, indeed our nation's future is at stake. As an independent commission, you can make a difference in the direction of that future. I implore you to do whatever is in your power to redirect television and be the constructive force in our society that it could be. The use of the nation's air waves are not a right to be exploited by the greedy, but a sacred trust to be used with care and diligence.

Yours truly,

*Selena Howard*  
Selena Howard  
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